

FRAMINGHAM RADIO CLUB

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Meetings, 2nd Thursday of month,

Keefe Vocational School, Winter and Fountain,
Framingham, Mass.

FEBRUARY 1974

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	JEFF SLAMIN	WALMZO
VICE-PRES.	TONY LASCALA	WALMTI
TREASURER	JIM BABISH	K1UUM
SECRETARY	ENZO ROTATORI	WALPYF

Although our regular monthly meeting was postponed by a snow storm and rescheduled one week later, attendance continues to be strong with 20 members and guests attending. Guests attending were Chris Johnson, son of Larry W1LGF, Jeff MacKay of Marlboro, guest of Kevin McShane and Jeff Rotatori, one of the many sons of Enzo WALPYF.

The Club welcomes four new members. They are Bob Armstrong WALRQF, Northboro, Kevin McShane of Shrewsbury, an instructor at Keefe Vocational, Jim Carroll Jr. WN1OYG and his dad Jim, Sr. WALPMY of Westboro. We look forward to your participating in our fine Club. Special congratulations to Jim WALPMY who received his General Ticket last week, after a long wait of 52 days. I understand that Jim's quad is bigger than his house!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 14 at 8 PM, room 201 at Keefe Vocational School, corner of Winter and Fountain Streets in Framingham. Visitors are welcomed, how about bringing a guest?

F.R.C. RAG CHEW NET

Who said that 10 meters is dead! Every Wednesday at 9 PM on 28.600 MHZ the air waves are filled with all sorts of trivia and UNearth shattering information. But what a great bunch of guys to chew the rag with. A great looking certificate for ten club check-ins will be ready in February. Join us.

Regular check-ins are: WALODY Al, WALMTI Tony, WALQDY Skip, W1KAN Warren and WALAGQ Ed (B.S.D.S.)

CLUB SUPPER

A little wine, a little food and a lot of friendship and fun were had by those attending the FRC supper at Marconi's Restaurant in January. A suggestion was made that we do it again, but try Chinese food then German after that. Not a bad idea, we could eat internationally until we try our 100th restaurant at which time we all would receive a certificate attesting to the fact that we did truly have indigestion! Hi-Hi.

Attending were WALODY Al and XYL Claire, Don WALONH and XYL Helen, Jim K1UUM and XYL Pat, Jim WALPMY and XYL Theresa, Cliff and Helen Walton, Ed WALAGQ and XYL Ellie WALGEG and Enzo WALPYF and XYL Nancy.

How about an XYL auxiliary to the club? Let's get with it girls...

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

The Club has arranged to have a tour of WCVB TV Channel 5 in Needham. The date is February 23, a Saturday morning at 11 AM. Since only 15 can attend, you must make a reservation as soon as possible. This can be done at the February Club meeting or by calling your club secretary Enzo at 872-6817.

We have scheduled a transmitter hunt for the end of February on 6 meters, but it appears that we do not have enough equipment to carry it through. Anyone have equipment should call Tony WALMTI at 653-0472. The hunt will be cancelled if we do not have enough equipment. Call Tony for details.

AUCTION

We expect that our auction will be held in early April. The exact time and location have not been confirmed. Begin taking inventory of your shack and turn some of those white elephants into cash.

QSL CARD COLLECTION

Don't forget to bring one of your QSL cards to the next meeting. We would like to include it in the Club's collection.

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIRS

Em WALONI has written letters to several local High Schools indicating our Club's interest in displaying advanced forms of radio transmissions being used by ham operators at the Schools science Fair. We will be needing helpers with this project. More news later.

FIELD DAY

~~June 22~~ and 23 are the days of the ARRL annual Field Day activities. This is the highlight of the year for Hams. Start thinking about it. Will you be on CW or phone? Which frequency, what type antenna? More details to follow.

LIFE ISN'T ALWAYS DULL ON THE WELFARE BOARD

from Minn. Army MARS Bulletin- ARNS

The following are excerpts from letters purportedly received by welfare boards.

Both sides of my parents is very poor and I can't expect anything from them as my mother has been in bed with a doctor over a year and won't change.

I can't get my sick pay and I got 7 children. Can you tell me why?

I am writing to tell you my boy was born 2 years ago and is 3 years old now. When do I expect relief?

Please find out if my husband is dead as the man I am living with won't eat or anything until he knows for sure.

In answer to your letter, I gave birth to a boy weighing 11 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory.

You have changed my boy to a girl, does this make any difference?

In accordance with your instructions I gave birth to twins in the enclosed envelope.

Sir: I am enclosing my marriage certificate and my two children, one of which is a mistake as you can see.

My husband's projects were cut off three weeks ago and we have not been able to get relief since.

Please send me a double bed as the one you sent is single and my wife and children have to sleep on the floor.

My husband is a truck driver and works night and day. I have no children. When do I get relief?

This is my 8th child. What are you going to do about it?

Please send my wife's form to fill out.

**Your editor chose to insert this article not to degrade any one class person but to interject some levity into this newsletter.

THIS AND THAT

The Norwood Radio Club is having their auction on Friday, February 15 at 7:30PM. Location is at the VFW Post 2452, 193 Dean St., Norwood.

Finally got my 1010 number #8582--Enzo
Learn German-DL2AA/1 will instruct how to use German for ham QSO's. Tune in Monday Nights 8:30PM on 28.7MHz. Handle Karl.

Many problems operating 20 meters mobile in a VW. It seems that the car will not operate when the rig is. Engineers are looking into this.

Jim WALPMY had 36 countries CW as a novice. FB job.
Here are some questions asked in the second grade in Framingham,
1. How many planets are there in our solar system? 2. Which planet is the largest? 3. Which planet has rings around it? 4. Which planet is nearest the sun? 5. Which planet is the coldest? 6. Which planet only has one moon? Answers on next page.

Answers: (1) 9 (2) Jupiter (3) Saturn (4) Mercury (5) Pluto
(6) Earth

It may be appropriate at this time to have a brief lesson on the solar system.

The solar system consists of the sun as central body, plus its 9 planets, their 31 known satellites, tens of thousands of asteroids, and countless numbers of smaller objects, normally unobserved, which occasionally signal their presence as comets, meteors or meteorites. All of these bodies qualify as members of the solar system, revolving in elliptical orbits about the sun, because their energy level is below the parabolic limit required for escape from the solar gravitational field.

A simple way to remember where the planets are in relation to the sun is to remember this sentence:

"Martha visits every Monday and just stays until noon...Period"

SUN
Mercury
Venus
Earth
Asteroids- - Mars
Jupiter
Saturn
Uranus
Neptune
Pluto

Before blasting off for the nearest planet, it is recommended that you verify the above information. End of lesson.

LIGHTER SIDE

- Q. What would have Richard Nixon told his passengers if he had been Captain of the Titanic?
A. He would have told the passengers that they were just stopping "for ice". Hi Hi- - - Down, you Republicans!

Sick ham joke: The little old XYL was sweeping ashes off the floor of the ham shack when her neighbor lady asked, "My dear, why don't you let your husband do that?" With a wicked smile, the little old lady giggled, "This IS my husband."

Sign on wall in Optometrist's Office:
EYES EXAMINED WHILE YOU WAIT.

SWAP AND SELL

Cushcraft 2 element 2 meter beam- Good condition -2 years old
Model Al44-2 Original price \$19.95-sell for \$12.00. WALEEC.

TRADE a 98 lesson course in electronics, radio, tv, radar etc.
for anything. Enzo 872-6817

NOTE

Before putting your tower up, be certain to check local laws. In Framingham, one must apply to the Inspector of Buildings Department at Town Hall. A rough drawing must accompany your application showing material used and how it will be constructed and supported. The fee is \$5

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE!

The following recently appeared
in the WAKE OBSERVER on Wake Island:

SOMEONE UP THERE DOESN'T LIKE HIM!!

A newspaper man or woman should
always check and recheck his or her words.
Look at what happened to a perfectly
blameless clergyman when a busy advertising
manager failed to do this:

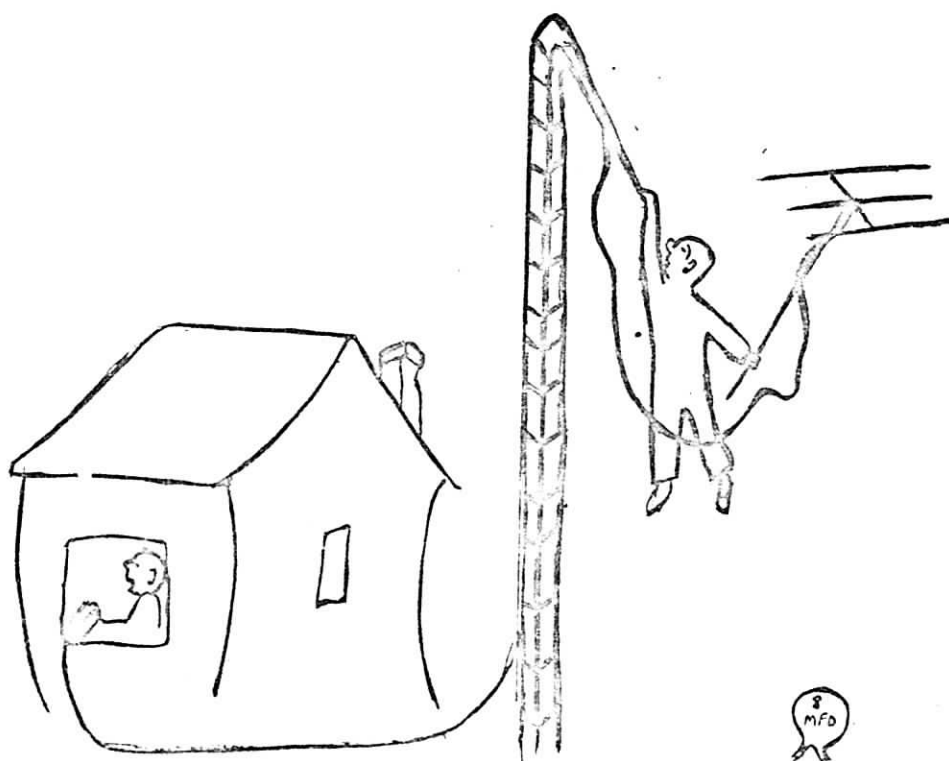
Monday's small advertisement
read: "The Rev. A.J. Jones has one colour
TV set for sale. Tel. 626-1313 after 7
p.m. Ask for Mrs. Donnelly who lives with
him cheap."

Tuesday: "We regret any embar-
rassment caused to Father Jones by a typo-
graphical error in an advertisement yes-
terday. It should have read: The Revd.
A.J. Jones has one colour TV set for sale.
Cheap. Tel. 626-1313 and ask for Mrs.
Donnelly, who lives with him, after 7 p.m."

Wednesday: "Father Jones informs
us that has received several annoying tel-
ephone calls because of an incorrect tel-
ephoned advertisement in yesterday's paper.
It should have read: The Revd. A.J. Jones
has one colour TV set for sale. Cheap.
Tel. 626-1313 after 7 p.m. and ask for
Mrs. Donnelly who loves with him."

Thursday: "Please take notice
that I, the Revd. A.J. Jones have no colour
TV set for sale. I have smashed it. Don't
call Tel. 626-1313 any more. I have not
been carrying on with a Mrs. Donnelly. A
Mrs. Donnelly was until yesterday my
housekeeper."

Friday: "Wanted - a housekeeper.
Usual housekeeping duties. God pay. Love
in. Revd. A.J. Jones. Tel. 626-1313."



"SWEET SLEEP NOW RALPH"

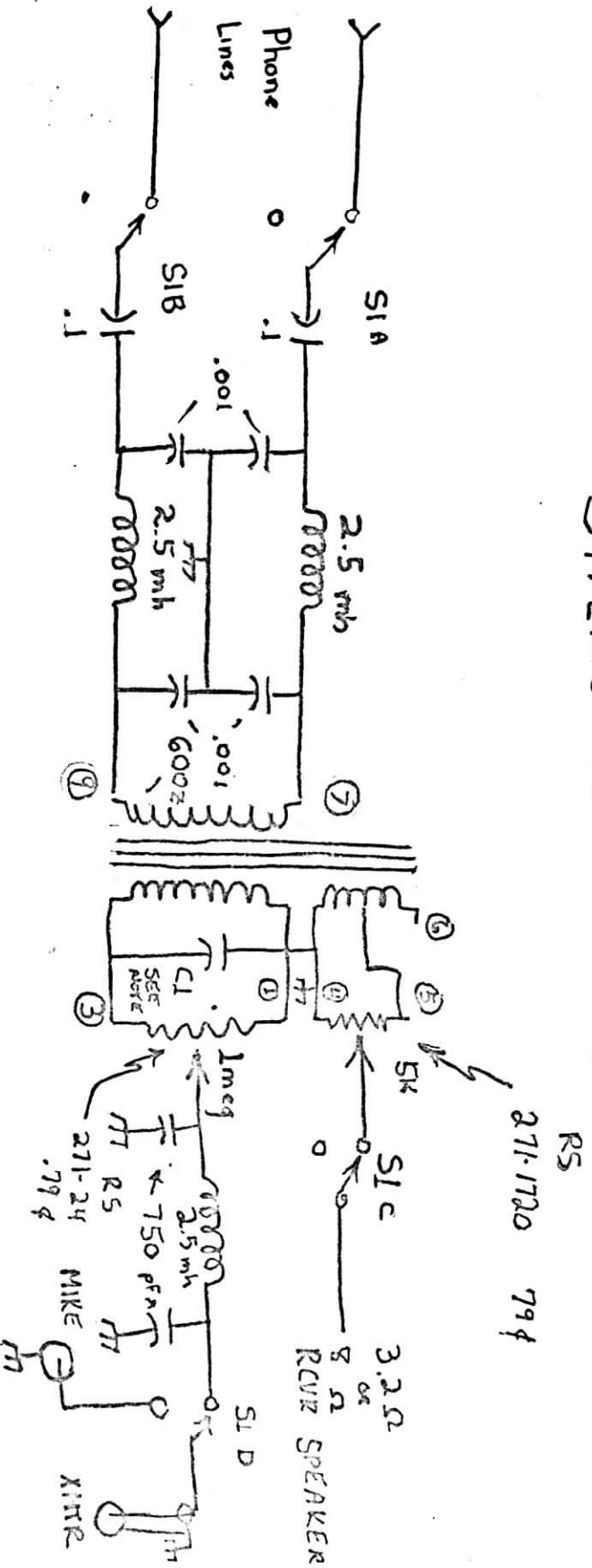
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From Guyahoga Falls Radio Club, by WB8MFD

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Sitzmo Fone Patch



SL A,B,C,D 4 Pole Double Throw (Radio Shack 275-405 @ 69¢)

T1 Interstage Transformer - 600Ω Primary, 22KΩ and 5200Ω Secondary (Available from Arrow Electronics \$139)